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A2 with the other edge side open with respect to the feeding direction of the arrow denoted at D as shown in FIG. 9. In other words, when printing is performed on the printable sheet 68, the film 68b contacting the platen 62 is fed by the feeding force of the platen 62, but the film 68a on the thermal head 61 side is hard to be fed due to occurrence of slippage with respect to the film 68b as shown in FIG. 10.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 26 with the following:

A3 In the above-described printer, it is preferable to provide a moving member on which the thermal head and the driving roller, or the platen and the driven roller are mounted, the moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which the thermal head and the platen, and the driving roller and the driven roller, respectively, approach to, or separate from, each other, so that when the moving member is moved in the direction of separation, portions between the thermal head and the platen and between the driving roller and the driven roller are both exposed to an outside of the printer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10 with the following:

A4 Further, it is suitable to provide, similarly to the above-described printer, a moving member on which the thermal head and the driving roller, or the platen and the driven roller are mounted, the moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which the thermal head and the platen, the driving roller and the driven roller, respectively, approach to, or separate from, each other; paired pressing rollers continuously pressing against each other provided

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A4 downstream of the driving roller and the driven roller in a feeding direction of the printed sheet; and driving means for independently rotating the pressing roller.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7 with the following:

A5 A first embodiment of the invention is explained with reference to FIG. 1 to FIG. 6. In a printer shown in FIG. 1, a printed sheet (paper) 5', which has been printed between a thermal head 2 and a platen 3 independently provided in a frame 1 that is a fixing portion of the printer, is fed by paired feed rollers constituted of rollers 6 and 7 provided downstream the thermal head 2 in a feeding direction (on the right-hand side in FIG. 1).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17 with the following:

A6 The platen support member 12 is held by the swingable bracket 11 to be movable in a direction to approach to, and separate from, the thermal head 2 by a guide portion (not shown). To a spring locking part formed on one end of the platen support member 12, one end of an extension urging spring 26 is attached.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24 with the following:

A7 Accordingly, the platen support member 12 is always urged against the thermal head 2 side by the urging force of the extension urging spring 26. When the platen 3 is separated from the thermal head 2, its position is restricted by a stopper member (not shown).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 with the following:

A8 Accordingly, the roller support member 13 is always urged against the roller 6 side by the urging force of the extension urging spring 28. When the roller 7 is separated from the roller 6, its position is restricted by a stopper member (not shown).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4 with the following:

A9 As for this printer, the upper side of the platen 3 and the driven roller 7 are covered with a platen side top cover 23 as shown in FIG. 5. Similarly, the upper side of the thermal head 2 and the driving roller 6 are covered with a thermal head side top cover 24. The thermal head side top cover 24 is screwed to the moving frame 17 (located under the thermal head side top cover 24), and thus when the thermal head side top cover 24 is moved integrally with the moving frame 17 to the position shown in FIG. 5, portions between the thermal head 2 and the platen 3 and between the driving roller 6 and the driven roller 7 are exposed to the outside of the printer as shown in FIG. 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 20 with the following:

A10 In the printer described with FIG. 1, and so on, according to the invention, however, the roller located on the thermal head side out of the paired feed rollers is the driving roller 6, and the platen 3 is made free from being rotated by the motor 8, never presenting the above-described problem even if the double film is used.